

IDAPA 31 – IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**31.01.01 – RULES OF PROCEDURE OF
THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DOCKET NO. 31-0101-1001

RUL-0-10-01

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES
NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING**

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Sections 67-5220(1) and 67-5220(2), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that the Public Utilities Commission intends to promulgate rules and desires public comment prior to initiating formal rulemaking procedures. This negotiated rulemaking action is authorized pursuant to Section 61-601, Idaho Code.

MEETING SCHEDULE: A public meeting on the negotiated rulemaking will be held as follows:

Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. (MST)
PUC Hearing Room, 472 West Washington Street, Boise, Idaho (208-334-0300).

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Persons wishing to participate in the negotiated rulemaking must do the following:

The Commission intends to hold an informal public workshop for the purpose of reviewing and discussing the draft rules. During the workshop interested persons will be permitted to ask questions and give oral presentations. Interested persons may also participate by telephone by calling toll-free (877) 841-9268. The participant code is: 472404. The Commission also invites the submission of written comments as set out below.

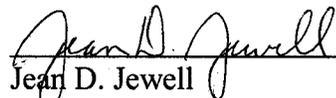
DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The following is a statement in nontechnical language of the substance and purpose of the intended negotiated rulemaking and the principle issues involved:

The Public Utilities Commission is interested in making amendments to its Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01. The reasons for the proposed changes include: (1) conforming the Commission's testimony and transcript Rules 231 and 286 to changes in the Supreme Court's Appellate Rules; (2) change Rule 43 (Representation of Parties) to conform to recent Supreme Court opinions regarding the representation of partnerships, corporations and other entities; (3) add Rule 20 to make it easier to determine when telephone companies are no longer conducting business in Idaho; and (4) make other changes to improve clarity (Rules 5, 16, 125, 301) and correct citations (Rules 0, 19, 121). The Commission encourages those interested in participating in the informal workshop to obtain and review a copy of the draft changes to the Rules of Procedure as set out below.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, OBTAINING COPIES: For assistance on technical questions concerning this negotiated rulemaking or to obtain a copy of the preliminary draft of the proposed rules, contact

Donald L. Howell, II, Deputy Attorney General, PO Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0074 (208) 334-0312, don.howell@puc.idaho.gov. The draft changes are also available on the Commission's web site www.puc.idaho.gov by clicking on "File Room" and then "Multi-Utility Cases" then "RUL-U-10-01." Anyone may submit written comments regarding this negotiated rulemaking. All written comments on the draft rules must be directed to the undersigned, and contain the Docket No. 31-0101-1001 and must be delivered on or before April 28, 2010.

DATED this 5th day of March 2010.



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